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SUBJECT; INTEL ESTIMATE UPDATE - SECSTATE VISIT TO
LONDON, AUGUST 11-13, 1977

1. CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATES STRONG POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY VANCE BEING EXPOSED TO DEMONSTRATIONS AS A RESULT OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S PRESENCE IN LONDON DURING SAME TIME. BOTHA NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE LONDON 0600 HOURS 11 AUGUST AT HEATHROW. ORIGINAL PLANS SCHEDULED BOTHA ARRIVAL 1030 HOURS 11 AUGUST. ANTI-APARTHIED MOVEMENT GROUP WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED UPON THE 1030 HOURS ARRIVAL BUT IT IS UNCLEAR AT PRESENT WHAT EFFECT THE 0600 HOURS ARRIVAL WILL HAVE UPON THE DEMONSTRATION PLANS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE GROUP KNOWS OF BOTHA'S ARRIVAL TIME CHANGE.

2. BOTHA WILL BE STAYING AT THE SAVOY HOTEL UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND THE TRAFALGAR SQUARE LOCATION SHOULD NOT HINDER SECRETARY VANCE'S MOVEMENTS SHOULD AN ANTI-APARTHIED DEMONSTRATION BE STAGED AT THE SAVOY. HOWEVER,
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THE POSSIBILITY REMAINS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS' LEARNING OF SCHEDULED LUNCHEON AT NO. ONE CARLETON GARDENS (BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE) ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 12:00 NOON AT WHICH BOTHA WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. POSSIBILITY ALSO EXISTS OF AN ANTI-APARTHIED DEMONSTRATION TAKING PLACE AT THE NEARBY FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. PRESS INTEREST IN THE

LUNCHEON/MEETING IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERABLE.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE ANTI-APARTHIED ELEMENTS ARE AT PRESENT ONLY DEMONSTRATING IN REACTION TO BOTH A AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONCERN WITH SECRETARY VANCE. THE ANTI-APARTHIED GROUP CAN MUSTER AS MANY AS 100 SUPPORTERS UPON A MOMENT'S NOTICE AND GREATER NUMBERS, POSSIBLY A THOUSAND - GIVEN SEVERAL DAYS TO PLAN AND ORGANIZE. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE GROUP IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL AND IT IS FELT THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANYTHING OF A VIOLENT NATURE. WITH AN AURA OF BEING WELL ORGANIZED, THE BANNERS HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS AND THE NOISE LOUD IN THE PAST.

4. NO. ONE CARLETON GARDENS IS LOCATED ON A DEAD-END STREET AND BECAUSE OF SUCH, COORDINATION EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDER WAY TO INSURE ENOUGH UNIFORMED POLICE ARE ON HAND IN THE EVENT OF A DEMONSTRATION. THIS WILL ASSURE EASY ACCESS AND DEPARTURE BY THE VANCE MOTORCADE. NO OTHER MATTERS OF A PROBLEMATIC NATURE ARE ANTICIPATED.

5. SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, THE NATIONAL FRONT, A RIGHT WING NEO-NAZI GROUP HAS SCHEDULED A RALLY IN LEWISHAM WHICH IS A GOOD DISTANCE FROM ANY VANCE MOVEMENTS. LEFT WING ELEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO STAGE COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE SAME AREA, SO AT LEAST THE VANCE MOVEMENT AREAS ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLEAR OF BOTH LIBERAL AND RIGHT WING ELEMENTS ON THAT DAY.

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6. FOR SY/CC: PLEASE PROVIDE ASAP ANY PERSONALITY/ BACKGROUND DATA ON THE LONDON ANTI-APARTHIED GROUP/ ELEMENTS.

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